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SUBJECT: CYPRUS CONFLICT: DISASTER RELIEF

1. EMBOFF VISITED ICRC WAREHOUSE 1200 HOURS AUG 15. TO OBTAIN
SO FAR UNAVAILABLE DISTRIBUTION DOAT ON U.S. RELIEF GOODS.
ICRC MAIN WAREHOUSE LOCATED IN FORMER USN COMPOUND,
WHIC NOW SERVES AS UNFICYP CANADIAN CONTINGENT POST AND IS
LOCATED ON AIRPORT ROAD ABOUT 2 MILES FROM AIRPORT. SECOND
WAREHOUSE IS ABOUT HALF MILE CLOSER TO AIRPORT IN FORMER AMERICAN
EMBASSY/ROO "PUBLIC WORKS" WAREHOUSE. AT TIME OF VISIT,
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WAREHOUSE AND ENTIRE ANADIAN COMPOUND WAS IN CENTER OF MORTAR-

TANK DUAL. GREEK CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD MORTAR LOCATED ESTIMATED 300 YARDS SOUTH OF COMPOUND, WAS LOBBING ROUNDS DIRECTLY OVER COMPOUND AT TURK TANKS LOCATED NORTH OF MAIN AIRPORT ROAD. ON RETURN TO EMBASSY, EMBOFF SAW TAF AIRCRAFT CIRCLING VICINITY OF COMPOUND, APPARENTLY SEARCHING FOR MORTAR POSITION. CANADIANS HAVE OP ON ROOF OF MAIN COMPOUND BUILDING AND HAVE POSITIONED HALFTRACK AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF COMPOUND, WITH GUN TRAINED ON ROAD. AIR ATTACK ON MORTAR POSITION WOULD HAVE ENDANGERED CANADIAN/ICRC COMPOUND AS WELL.

2. AGAINST THIS BACKDROP, TWO ICRC DELEGATES AND TWO GREEK CYPRIOT ASSISTANTS WERE IN WAREHOUSE, FORMER GYNNASIUM, FILLING TWO REQUISITIONS FOR CYPRUS RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT. ONLY ONE TRUCK WAS AVAILABLE TO CARRY THESE GOODS -- MOSTLY MEDICINES-- TO LIMASSOL, WHICH IS NOW REPORTELY RECEIVING MASSIVE INFLUX OF GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES FROM FAMAGUSTA. U.S. TENTS, COTS AND BLANKETS WERE ALSO REQUESTED, BUT ADDITIONAL TRUCKS NOT AVAILABLE TODAY. TO FURTHER COMPLICATE SITUATION, TNET AND BALNKET STOCK LOCATED IN SECOND WAREHOUSE, AT "COLOCASSIDES CIRCLE", WHICH IS CONTESTED AREA CLOSER TO FIRING LINES. IT IS LOCKED AND NO-BODY HAS BEEN THERE SINCE EVENING OF AUG 13.

3. ICRC DELEGATE IN CHARGE WAREHOUSE HAS PROMISED PROVIDE DISTRIBUTION DATE BY TOMORROW MORNING, BARRING NEW EMERGENCY. WILL PROVIDE THIS DATA AND NARRATIVE COMMENTARY/ESTIMATES REQUESTED REFTEL SOONEST.
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